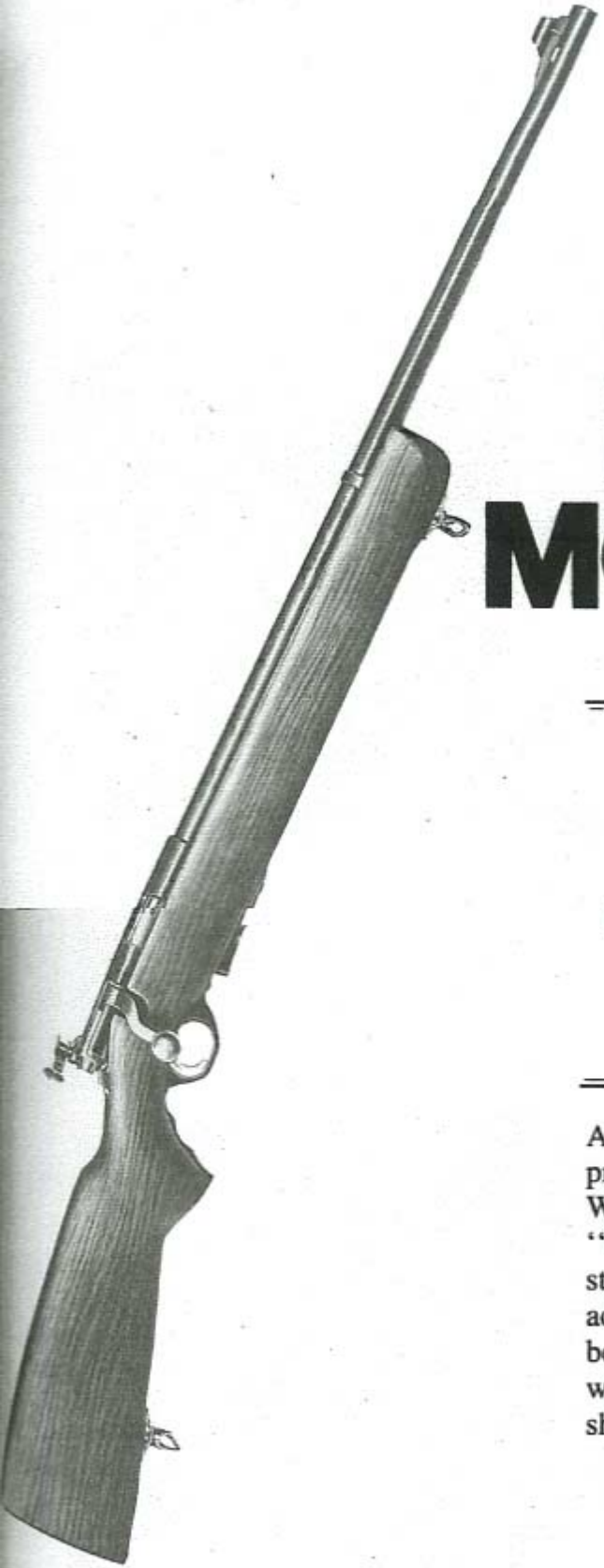


MOSSBERG MODEL 44US

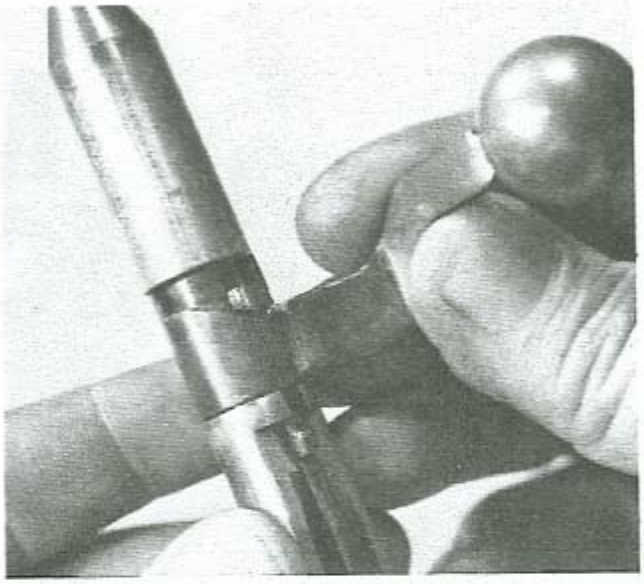
Data: Mossberg Model 44 US
Origin: United States
Manufacturer: O. F. Mossberg & Sons, Inc.
North Haven, Connecticut
Cartridge: 22 Long Rifle
Magazine capacity: 7 rounds
Over-all length: 42½ inches
Barrel length: 26 inches
Weight: 7½ pounds

A slight re-design of the earlier Model 44B, the 44 US was primarily used for military marksmanship training during World War II. The one shown in the photos is marked "U.S. Property." Aside from its plain, military-style stock, it is practically identical to the other Mossberg bolt action 22 rifles of this time period, and the instructions can be applied generally to most of these. The Model 44 US was made from 1943 to 1948, and is now prized by shooters and military collectors.

Disassembly:

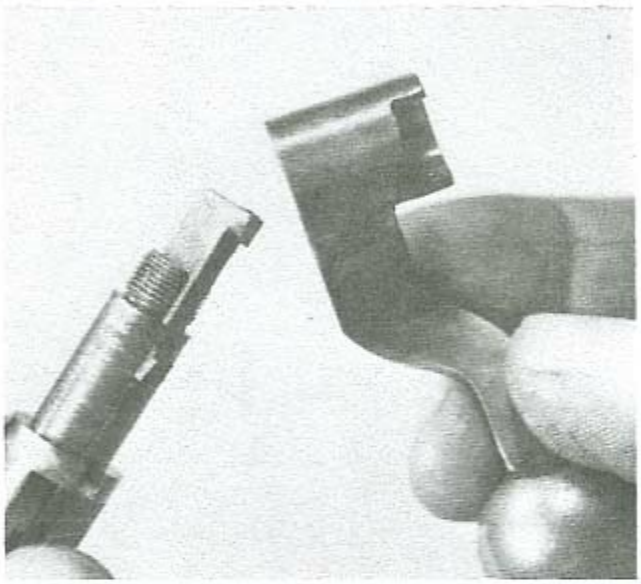
1. Remove the magazine. Open the bolt, hold the trigger to the rear, and withdraw the bolt from the rear of the receiver. The aperture sight can be pivoted around to the side for clearance.

2. Turn the bolt handle clockwise (rear view) to allow the striker to move forward to the fired position.

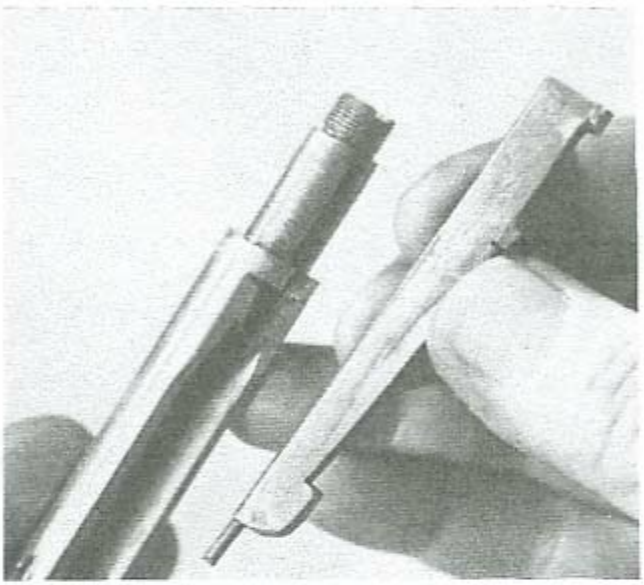


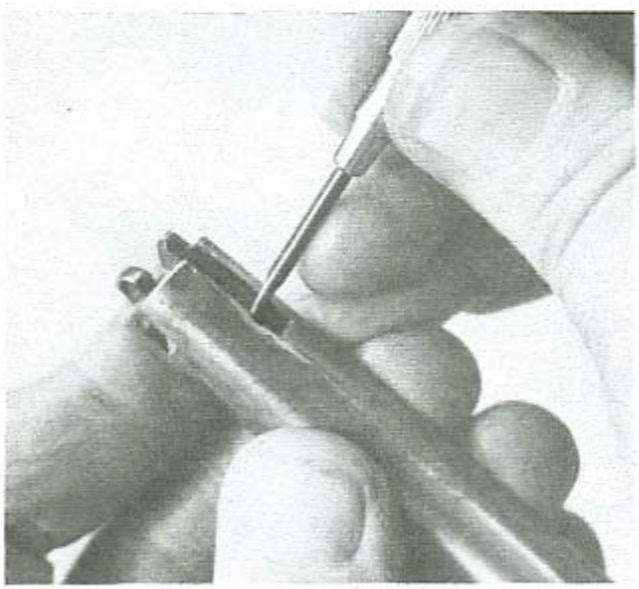
3. Grip the bolt and the rear domed endpiece firmly, and unscrew the endpiece from the rear of the bolt. **Caution:** *The striker spring is under some tension, so keep the endpiece under control.* After it is removed, the spring and guide are easily taken out.

4. Move the bolt handle sleeve toward the rear, the striker moving with it. When the sleeve has enough clearance, remove it toward the rear.

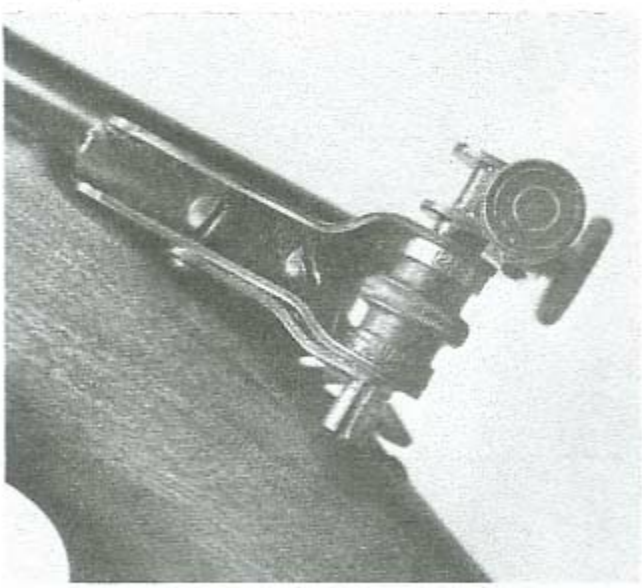


5. Remove the striker/firing pin unit from the bolt.



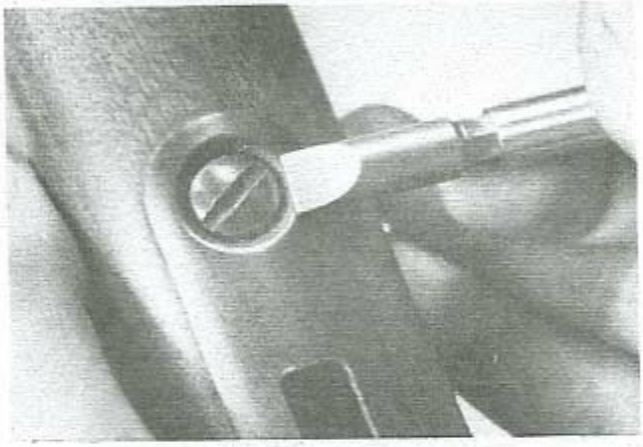


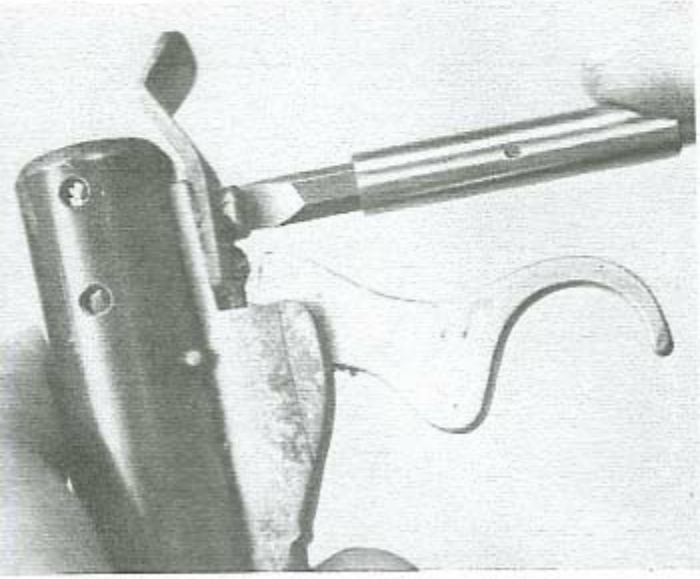
6. The twin extractors can be removed by inserting the tip of a small screwdriver between each extractor and its plunger, pushing the plunger toward the rear, and lifting the extractor out of its recess. **Caution:** *Take care the screwdriver doesn't slip during this operation, and ease the plungers and springs out for removal.*



7. The rear sight is removable by taking out the two large screws on the left side at the rear of the receiver. Further disassembly of the sight is not recommended.

8. Loosen the front sling loop screw, and back out the sling loop. The rebated screw shaft will keep the unit on the stock. Back out the main stock mounting screw, located in the forward portion of the magazine plate on the underside, and separate the action from the stock. The barrel band can be taken off only after the front sight is drifted out of its dovetail.



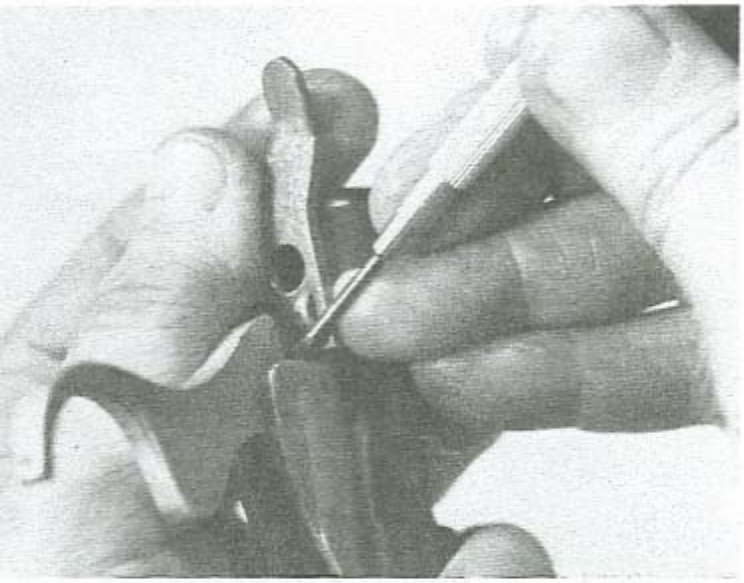


9. Remove the screw at the front of the trigger bracket, on the underside of the receiver.

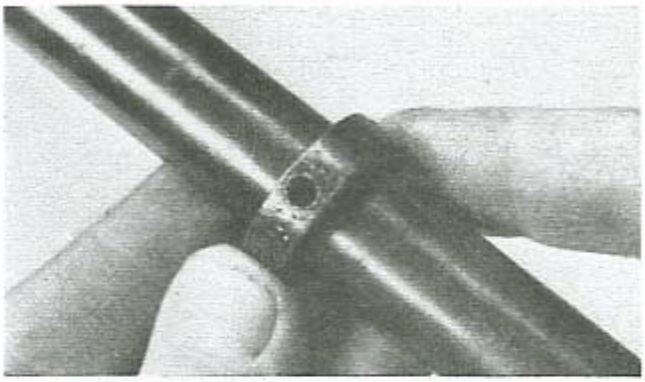
10. Remove the screw at the rear of the trigger bracket. This screw also is the pivot for the safety lever.

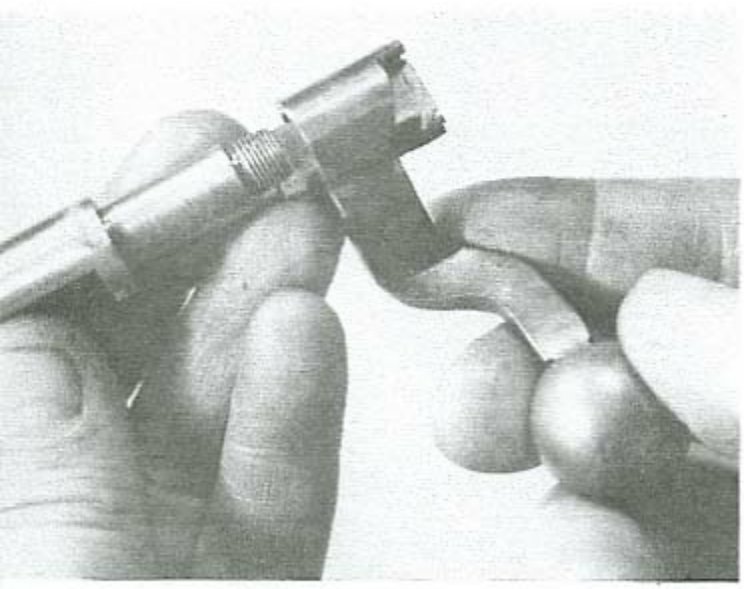
Reassembly Tips:

1. When replacing the trigger and safety system on the underside of the receiver, be sure the cross-pin at the top of the trigger is positioned in its groove on the receiver, and install the front screw first. When inserting the safety lever, use a small screwdriver to lift the trigger spring plunger onto the front tab of the safety lever before installing the rear screw.



2. When replacing the action in the stock, the barrel ring, or band, must be oriented so its screw hole is at the bottom, and aligned with the front sling loop screw.



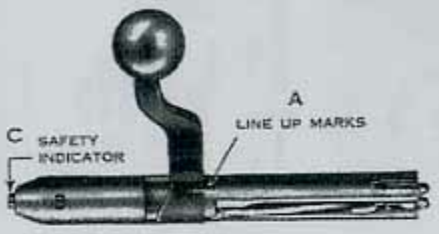


3. When replacing the striker and the bolt handle sleeve, note that the sleeve must be fitted onto the rear of the striker before the striker is fully inserted into the bolt.

4. Before the bolt is reinserted into the receiver, it must be recocked by firmly gripping the forward portion of the bolt and turning the bolt handle counter-clockwise (rear view) until the striker lug is brought back to the cocked position, as shown.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Mossberg Model 44 US(a)



1. TO FIT BOLT

Line up the marks "A" on the bolt body and locking lever (as indicated in illustration above). Insert bolt into receiver; pull back on trigger and push bolt forward. Don't force the bolt in for if inserted as instructed it will slide in easily.

2. TO REMOVE BOLT

First swing windage bracket on Receiver Sight to left — then open action — pull back on trigger and bolt will slide out.

3. TO DISASSEMBLE BOLT

Place mainspring cap (marked B on above illustration) in vise and using bolt lever for handle, unscrew this cap from bolt body. When this is done the bolt lever, firing pin, mainspring and mainspring plunger can be removed with your fingers.

4. SAFETY

When the RED end of the safety indicator (rear end of mainspring plunger) extends outside of bolt (C on above illustration) the action is cocked and ready for firing. When the thumb safety points to red button F in stock it means DANGER, as the trigger can be pulled. When safety points to green button S the trigger cannot be pulled, therefore it is on SAFE.

5. TO REMOVE STOCK

First remove the magazine clip then remove the front swivel from the base by lifting the bright pin and turning the swivel one quarter turn, insert a narrow screw driver thru the swivel base and loosen the barrel band screw. Loosen the take down screw just ahead of the trigger guard. The stock can now be taken off.

6. TO ADJUST MOSSBERG NO. S100 RECEIVER SIGHT

The graduations on the elevation and windage screw knobs with corresponding clicks, represent ½ minute adjustment, equivalent to ½" change of bullet impact at 100 yards, ¼" at 50 yards or ⅛" at 25 yards.

It is well to remember to move the rear sight in the direction in which it is desired to move the bullet on the target.

If the rifle shoots low, raise the aperture by turning the elevation screw to the left marked "up" on elevation nut, or counter-clockwise.

If the rifle shoots high, turn the elevation screw to the right or clockwise.

If the rifle shoots to the left, move aperture to the right by turning windage screw to the left or counter-clockwise.

If the rifle shoots to the right, move aperture to the left by turning windage screw to the right, or clockwise.

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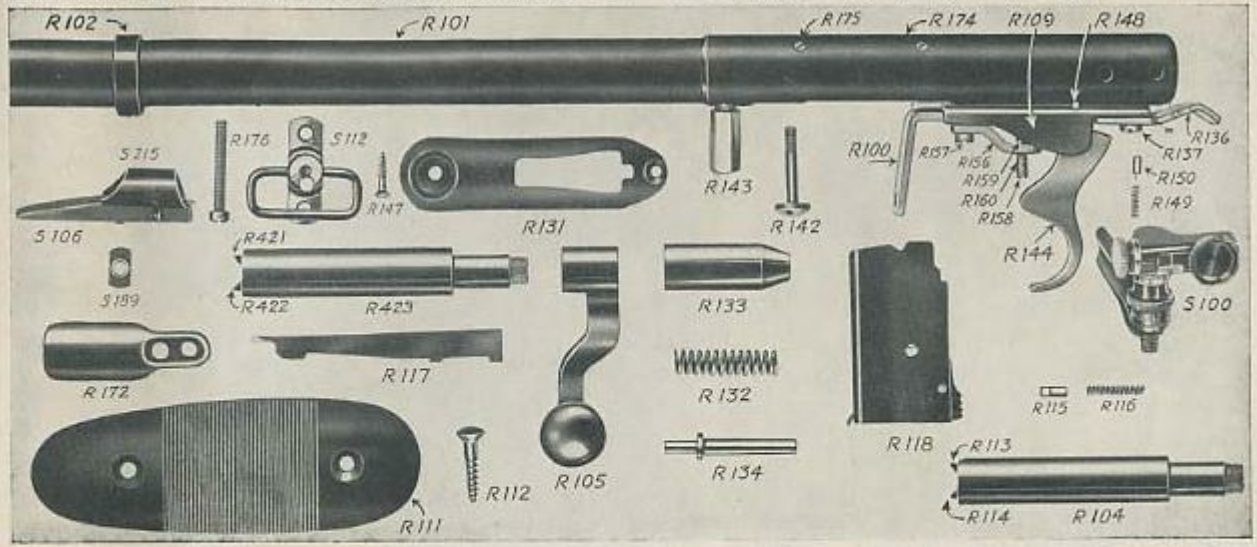

PART NO.	NAME	PRICE EACH
R100	Angle Bar	.40
R101	Barrel	11.00
R102	Barrel Band	.85
R103	Bolt Assembly substitute (Model 44US(a)	8.00
R104	Bolt Body, Model 44US(a)	2.10
R105	Bolt Lever	1.40
R109	Bracket	1.40
R111	Butt Plate	.35
R112	Butt Plate Screw (2) each	.20
R113	Extractor, right	*
R114	Extractor, left	*
R115	Extractor Plunger	*
R116	Extractor Spring	.20
R117	Firing Pin	1.40
R118	Magazine Assembly	2.50

PART NO.	NAME	PRICE EACH
R131	Magazine Stock Plate	.40
R132	Mainspring	.30
R133	Mainspring Cap	.65
R134	Mainspring Plunger	.25
R136	Safety	.70
R137	Safety Screw	.20
R142	Take Down Screw	.40
R143	Take Down Stud	.30
R144	Trigger	1.00
R145	Trigger Guard	.70
R146	Trigger Guard Screw, front	.20
R147	Trig. Guard Screw, rear, and Swivel Screw	.20
R148	Trigger Pin	.20
R149	Trigger Spring	.20

PART NO.	NAME	PRICE EACH
R150	Trigger Spring Plunger	.20
R156	Trigger Pull Adj. Bracket	.35
R157	Trigger Pull Adj. Brk. Screw	.25
R158	Trigger Pull Adj. Screw	.25
R159	Trigger Pull Adj. Plunger	.25
R160	Trigger Pull Adj. Spring	.20
R172	Cover Plate	.40
R173	Cover Plate Screw(2) each	.20
R174	Receiver, Model 44US(a) only	6.00
R175	Dummy Screw(2)....each	.20
R176	Barrel Band Screw	.25
R195	Stock, Model 44US(a), with trigger guard, butt plate, and swivels fitted	13.00

PART NO.	NAME	PRICE EACH
R197	Receiver, Models 44US(b), 44US(c) 44US(d)	6.00
R423	Bolt Body, Models 44US(b), 44US(c), 44US(d)	3.00
R427	Bolt Assembly, Models 44US(b), 44US(c), 44US(d)	8.00
R518	Stock, Models 44US(b), 44US(c) with trigger guard and butt plate fitted	13.00
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	Barrel & Receiver	14.00

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Give exact Model No. stamped on barrel.

*These parts no longer available but we can fit a different bolt to your rifle if you return it to the factory.